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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 15, and 16 as shown below in the Listing of Claims. This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A print control device comprising:

data processing means for generating and transferring print data in response to a print request;

acquisition means for acquiring print conditions in the print request;

determining means for variably determining a frequency of checking whether a print cancel command is issued, based on the print conditions acquired by the acquisition means, the frequency being defined by an amount of the print data; and

checking means for <u>periodically</u> checking whether a print cancel command is issued, the checking performed every time said data processing means generates or transfers <u>the amount of print data corresponding</u> to the frequency determined by the determining means <u>while said data processing means generates or transfers the print data.</u>

- 2. (previously presented) A print control device according to claim 1, further comprising receiving means for receiving the print cancel command of the print data through a user interface, wherein the checking means checks whether the print cancel command is received through the receiving means.
- 3. (original) A print control device according to claim 1, wherein the frequency is a print throughput that is determined based on estimated time needed to perform unit throughput required in the print conditions.
- 4. (previously presented) A print control device according to claim 1, wherein the frequency is determined so that the product of the frequency and estimated time needed to perform unit throughput required in the print conditions remains unchanged under varying print conditions.

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5. (previously presented) A print control device according to claim 1, wherein the frequency determined based on the print conditions is a print throughput, and wherein the print throughput is determined based on print cancel intervals.

- 6. (previously presented) A print control device according to claim 1, further comprising suspending means which suspends the generation or the transfer of the print data by a printer driver if the print cancel command has been received.
- 7. (original) A print control device according to claim 1, wherein the print conditions comprise at least one of a sheet size, a resolution, and a designation of one of color printing or monochrome printing.
- 8. (currently amended) A data processing method for a print control device for generating and transferring print data in a print request, the control method comprising: an acquisition step for acquiring print conditions in response to the print request; a determining step for variably determining a frequency of checking whether a

print cancel command is issued, based on the print conditions acquired in the acquisition step, the frequency being defined by an amount of the print data; and

a checking step for <u>periodically</u> checking whether a print cancel command is issued, the checking performed every time the print control device generates or transfers <u>the amount of print data corresponding</u> to the frequency determined in the determining step <u>while the print data is generated or transferred</u>.

- 9. (original) A data processing method according to claim 8, further comprising a receiving step for receiving the print cancel command of the print data through a user interface.
- 10. (previously presented) A data processing method according to claim 8, wherein the frequency is determined based on estimated time needed to perform unit throughput required in the print conditions.

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11. (previously presented) A data processing method according to claim 8, wherein the frequency is determined so that the product of the frequency and estimated time needed to perform unit throughput required in the print conditions remains unchanged under varying print conditions.

- 12. (previously presented) A data processing method according to claim 8, wherein the frequency determined based on the print conditions is a print throughput, and wherein the print throughput is determined based on print cancel intervals.
- 13. (previously presented) A data processing method according to claim 8, further comprising a suspending step for suspending the generation or the transfer of the print data by a printer driver if the print cancel command is determined as being received.
- 14. (original) A data processing method according to claim 8, wherein the print conditions comprise at least one of a sheet size, a resolution, and a designation one of color printing or monochrome printing.
- 15. (currently amended) A computer program <u>carried by stored in a storage a computer readable</u> medium for a data processing method of a print control device for generating and transferring print data in response to a print request, the computer program comprising program codes for executing:

an acquisition step for acquiring print conditions in the print request;

a determining step for variably determining a frequency of checking whether a print cancel command is issued, based on the print conditions acquired in the acquisition step, the frequency being defined by an amount of the print data; and

a checking step for <u>periodically</u> checking whether a print cancel command is issued, the checking performed every time the print control device generates or transfers <u>the amount of print data corresponding</u> to the frequency determined in the determining step <u>while the print data is generated or transferred</u>.

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16. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a computer program for a data processing method of a print control device for generating and transferring print data in response to a print request, the computer program comprising program codes for executing:

an acquisition step for acquiring print conditions in the print request;

a determining step for variably determining a frequency of checking whether a print cancel command is issued, based on the print conditions acquired in the acquisition step, the frequency being defined by an amount of the print data; and

a checking step for <u>periodically</u> checking whether a print cancel command is issued, the checking performed every time the print control device generates or transfers <u>the amount of print data corresponding</u> to the frequency determined in the determining step while the print data is generated or transferred.